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Criminals posing as Police rob a man on Expressway

Engineer from Kodagu was returning home after discharge from hospital in Bengaluru

Mysuru, July 2 (MR, KS & BCT)- After a break, criminals are back to rob travellers on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway. The latest robbing incident was reported on Friday night just hours after the visit of senior Police officers on the Expressway amidst a raging debate on the lack of CCTV cameras and the menace of overspeeding and reckless driving.

On Friday night, Muthappa, a young engineer and designer from Arapattu village in Kodagu was robbed of his 65-gram gold chain valued at Rs. 3.5 lakh by a gang of three criminals on the service road near Aishwarya Convent in Maddur. Shockingly, Muthappa was returning home from a hospital in Bengaluru where he was admitted for some illness.

After discharge, Muthappa started from the hospital in his Innova Crysta vehicle to his hometown at around 11.30 pm. Having stopped his vehicle near Channapatna for a quick tea break, Muthappa continued his journey towards Madikeri.

However, feeling tired near Aishwarya Convent in Maddur, he pulled over on the service road around 2.15 am to rest.

As he was sleeping inside his vehicle, three individuals posing as Policemen approached Muthappa, falsely accusing him of driving under the influence of alcohol. They claimed they needed to conduct a routine check and asked him to open the door.

(See POLICE on page 7)

FLASH NEWS

NCP splits, Ajit Pawar takes over as Maharashtra Deputy CM

Ajit Pawar

Eknath Shinde

Mumbai, July 2 (Agencies)- Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar, backed by 24 MLAs, is expected to join the Maharashtra government as the deputy chief minister on Sunday. The move comes days after Ajit Pawar expressed his desire to step down as Leader of Opposition in the Maharashtra Assembly. The oath taking ceremony will take place in Raj Bhawan. Ajit Pawar and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde are currently present at the Governor's residence.

Earlier in the day, Ajit Pawar met some party leaders and MLAs at his official residence in Mumbai.

NCP Chief Sharad Pawar was not aware of the meeting.

Religion has nothing to do with cricket: V.V.S. Laxman

Former international cricketer's session, book a big draw at Mysuru Literature Festival

Mysuru, July 2 (BS)- Former international cricketer and head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, V.V.S. Laxman, asserted that the Indian cricket team comprises talented individuals from various parts of the country who share a common commitment to playing for the nation. He was speaking at a panel discussion on '281 and Beyond' at the Day-2 of the seventh edition of the Mysuru Literature Festival being held at Hotel Southern Star this morning.

In response to a question about whether he feels perturbed about cricketers remaining silent on religious issues dominating other fields of late, Laxman outrightly dismissed the notion, stating that when players enter the dressing room, they see themselves as Indians, leaving no room for religion to influence the game. "Religion has nothing to do with cricket," he said emphatically.

Former international cricketer V.V.S. Laxman is seen answering questions during a panel discussion on '281 and Beyond' at Mysuru Literature Festival-2023 in city this morning. He is flanked by senior journalist Krishna Prasad *(extreme left)* ***and co-author of V.V.S. Laxman's autobiography R. Kaushik.***

As the head of the NCA, Laxman expressed the organisation's responsibility to nurture and develop young talents for the future of cricket in India. Regarding whether India should engage with Pakistan's cricket team, Laxman stated that such decisions depend on the Government and are influenced by political conditions and diplomatic ties.

Reflecting on the Indian Premier League (IPL), Laxman, who described it as a game-changer, highlighted the positive impact it has had since its inception in 2008. He mentioned that the addition of the Women's Premier League (WPL) will contribute to the rapid growth of women's cricket.

Regarding his autobiography titled '281 and Beyond,' co-authored by journalist R. Kaushik, Laxman expressed that the book aims to inspire young individuals to overcome challenges and setbacks in pursuit of their goals. He expressed his happiness if the book succeeds in fulfilling its purpose.

Drawing from his personal experience, Laxman shared that it was the victory of the Indian cricket team in the 1983 World Cup, led by Kapil Dev, that influenced his decision to pursue a career in cricket. Despite coming from a family of doctors and scholars, with plans to study medicine, it was his uncle's persuasion that allowed him to follow his passion for cricket.

Laxman also mentioned that he has moved to Bengaluru with his family and considers it his second home after Hyderabad, debunking the notion that he is solely a Hyderabadi.

The panel discussion was moderated by senior journalist Krishna Prasad, with the co-author of Laxman's autobiography R. Kaushik also in attendance.

healthNHuggets
Osteoporosis causes the bones to be more fragile and these bones can easily fracture. Such fractures are common in the spine and are called vertebral compression fractures. These patients can have severe back pain that makes it hard to stand, walk, sit, or lift objects.
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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 2nd July 2023

e-Shram cards distributed to unorganised workers

Mysuru, July 2 (DM)- e-Shram cards were distributed to unorganised workers of the construction industry such as Painters, Carpenters, Bar Benders, Masons, Electricians, Plumbers etc., at a programme organised under the aegis of BJP Unorganised Workers Cell at Jeevadhara Janaseva Kendra on New Sayyaji Rao Road here on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Hindu Jagaran Vedike office-bearer Lohit Urs said that the life of unorganised workers is secured with job security and appropriate wages. Maintaining that the unorganised sector is one of the foundations of our economy, he said that according to an estimate, there are 38 crore unorganised workers and construction and allied fields workers form a major chunk of them. Stressing on the need for bringing the unorganised workers from different sectors under one platform, he said that the e-Shram card will largely help the workers in getting due Government benefits.

Pointing out that the Union Government has introduced a Rs.2 lakh accident insurance cover to all those who have registered under e-Shram Yojana, he called upon unorganised workforce to avail the facility.

Jeevadhara Blood Bank Centre Director Girish said that the Union Government has introduced pension scheme for unorganised workers, which they should make use of. He further said that there are many Seva Kendras which give information on various social security schemes. The workforce should get to know of them and utilise them in the best possible way.

Hindu Jagaran Vedike's Ranganath, P. Umesh and others were present on the occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The very idea of beauty is subjective, because we never take it in totality. The perceived beauty is a fractured piece from the totality. Beauty is not what appeals to the senses. It is what strikes the soul. Much more than mere looks, what matters most is the inner goodness of an individual. Who is good at heart will soon be good to look at.

The character of a person is the summum bonum. It is the ultimate good that manifests itself on the face and appearance. Years ago, one saw a painting at an art museum in Warsaw, Poland. Some unknown Polish painter made it during World War I. It was about an undraped woman, who had a chiselled body but no face. There was a comment in the corner of that painting: Impose your idea of beauty on it and think of a face for her.

Beauty is always an open-ended idea. Neither can you bind it, nor can you define it. It is like love, indefinable, yet so desirable. And like love, it can only be felt and experienced. You can never appreciate it superficially. Then it becomes voyeuristic and too quotidian.

Beauty, when not felt with heart, remains aloof and apart. You have to feel it with all the senses to imbibe it in its entirety. Adore beauty with all its facets and dimensions and savour its ambrosia till you get satiated.

—Sumit Paul in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Photo of freeway exit goes viral

California: A photo of a freeway exit is going viral because of its apparent connection to cannibalism

The Placerville office of the California Highway Patrol posted a photo on Facebook of the Donner Lake exit on Inte-State 80.

The lake just happens to be named after the Donner Party, a group of Midwestern pioneers who were forced to spend the winter of 1846–47 in the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

CalTrans public information officer Steve Nelson said that there are 38 restaurants off of that exit, "so the sign is appropriate to notify motorists, but [we] also understand the irony and that it may be considered insensitive." He said the department is looking into the post.

Pizza's 'ancestor' found painted in ruins

Pompeii: A fresco depicting what might be a "distant ancestor" of the Italian pizza has been found on the wall of a house in the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, Italy's Culture Ministry says.

Archaeologists presumed the flatbread depicted in the painting may have been eaten with fruits such as pomegranates or dates, or dressed with spices and a type of pesto sauce, the ministry said.

Tomatoes were only introduced to Europe from the Americas a few centuries ago, and some histories have it that the discovery of mozzarella led directly to the invention of pizza in nearby Naples in the 1700s.

The image in the house is instead believed to be a focaccia served on a silver plate and a wine chalice stands next to it.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Most cases of chronic kidney disease show no overt symptoms during the early stage. Individuals with high risk factors are advised to check their kidney functions regularly.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P T - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

DC warns against supplying contaminated drinking water

Mysuru, July 2 (BLU&TRR)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has warned the district officials that if drainage water is found in drinking water supplied to citizens, the concerned official will be held responsible and disciplinary action will be taken against him.

The DC gave this stern warning to officials at a meeting held at his Office in Siddarthanagar on Friday to discuss the availability of drinking water.

"The quality of drinking water must be inspected. Ensure that there is no chemical or bacteria in the drinking water supplied. Sumps and overhead tanks must be cleaned. Steps should be taken to ensure smooth flow of drainage water. If the drinking water supplied is found to be contaminated, the concerned official will be held responsible and disciplinary action will be taken against such officials," said Dr. Rajendra.

'Water levels in the reservoirs are decreasing because of shortfall in the expected quantity of rain,' he said and asked the officials to take steps to ensure there is no scarcity of drinking water in the district.

Drinking water needs to be supplied to residents who come under the limits of 256 Gram Panchayats and 13 local bodies. Information about the availability

No shortage of drinking water till Aug. 15: MCC Commissioner

of drinking water should be given daily, said the DC at the meeting and directed the Executive Engineer to be ready with a list of villages which may face shortage of drinking water.

Stating that there is no shortage of drinking water for the time being, Dr. Rajendra said that in case of any problem, private borewells should be hired to supply drinking water. Also, make use of tankers to supply drinking water, advised the DC.

Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy told the meeting that KRS and Kabini water is not being given to agriculture purpose. Adequate water is being supplied in Mysuru city and despite shortage of rainfall, there will not be any problem to supply drinking water to citizens till Aug. 15, said the MCC Commissioner.

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer K.M. Gayathri instructed officials to send drinking water samples to laboratories for testing and ensure they are free from bacteria and chemicals.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Kavita Rajaram, Rural Drinking Water Supply Department Engineer Suresh and other officials were present.

REALLY...?

- ***The cornea of the eye is the only body part that doesn't have a blood supply. Rather, it gets its oxygen directly from the air.***
- ***In the time it took for you to read this sentence, around 50,000 cells in your body died and were replaced by new ones.***
- ***When you blush, the lining of your stomach also turns red.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: Why did the teacher put on sunglasses?
A: Because her students were so bright !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.14
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.02
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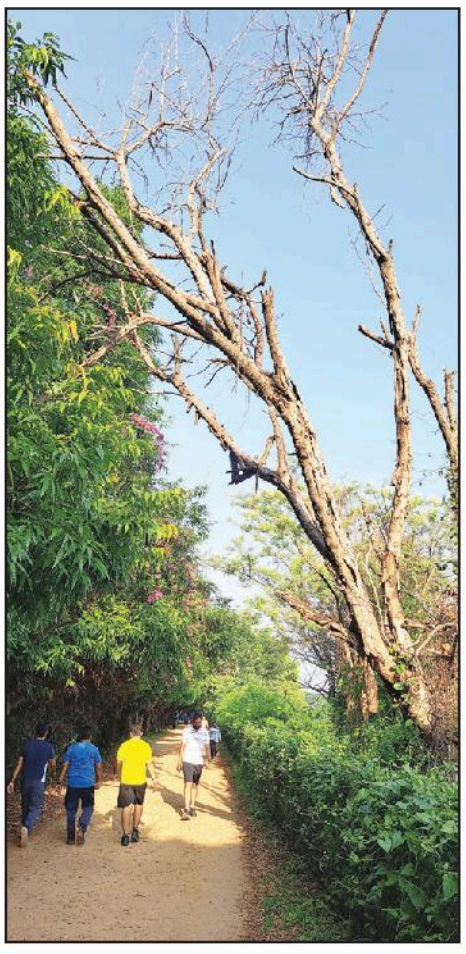
VOICE OF THE READER

Clear this dead tree at Kukkarahalli Lake



Sir,

A dead tree on the walkway around Kukkarahalli Lake on Bogadi Road in the city may fall anytime on health freaks who regularly go on morning or evening walks here.

Some of the branches of the tree are already broken and hanging on to another branch, indicating that the tragedy is waiting to happen.

With the risk of unprecedented rains and heavy winds high, the tree should be axed at the earliest to avoid the possibilities of any accident.

—Ranjith
on e-mail

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Doctors' Day celebrated at Sigma Hospital

Mysuru, July 2- Doctors' Day was celebrated at Sigma Hospital in city on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, Hospital Director Dr. G. Siddesh said that Dr. Bidhan Chandra (B.C.) Roy, apart from medical profession, also took part in freedom struggle.

"Dr. B.C. Roy also played an important role in establishing Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Indian Medical Council and hence the Government of India had approved his birthday to be celebrated as Doctors' Day," Dr. Siddesh added.

Another Director Dr. Rajeshwari Madappa, who too spoke, said that though the lifestyle of people has changed, the lifestyle of the doctors has remained the same due to increase in population and increase in diseases.

She appealed the people not to exert pressure on doctors because the health of doctors was also important.

Hospital Managing Director S. Gnanashankar said that the doctors at the hospital were providing excellent service and added that discounts are being given to poor patients and very poor patients were provided free treatment including surgeries on humanitarian grounds.

Hospital Directors Dr. K.M. Madappa and Dr. Anjali Siddesh, Consultant Urologist, Laparoscopic & Transplant Surgeon Dr. D.N. Somanna, Dr. Gowri S. Hukkeri and Consultant Nephrologist Dr. Aniketh Prabhakar were present.

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Suttur Seer presents 'Basava Ratna' Awards

MLA laments limitation of Jayantis of great personalities to caste

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji presented 'Basava Ratna' awards at a function organised by Mysuru Sharana Mandali at Rajendra auditorium in JSS Hospital premises recently. The awardees — (sitting from left) Senior Journalist K. Shivakumar, Businessman Ln. Venkatesh, Progressive Farmer K.H. Nanjappa, Businessman Y. Veerabhadra and Social Worker A.P. Nagesh — are seen with (standing from left) Mandali Directors M.K. Nagendraswamy and M. Chandrashekar, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Shringar M. Sanjeev Shetty, Suttur Seer, MLA G.T. Devegowda, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Mandali President Mugur Nanjundaswamy, Directors S. Basappa and Manjunath.

Mysuru, July 2 (GA&DM)- Lamenting that official celebration of Jayantis of great personalities and social reformers is getting limited to the caste that they belonged to, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) called for an introspection on the matter.

He was speaking at the Basava Jayanti and 'Basava Ratna' awards programme organised by Mysuru Sharana Mandali at Rajendra auditorium in JSS Hospital premises here on Thursday.

"Basavanna, a 12th century social reformer, spread the message of equality through Anubhava Mantapa. Basavanna is a pioneer of social justice and a harbinger of change as he brought even the lowest strata of the society to Anubhava Mantapa as part of bringing about equality in the society. But is a tragedy that the Jayantis of great personalities such as Basavanna, Valmiki, Kanakadasa and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is getting limited to the caste that they belonged to," GTD said.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, in his address, regretted that the caste system is still deep-rooted in the country. Stating that we have developed a tendency wherein we ask the newly introduced persons about their caste after getting to know of their name, native place etc., he stressed on the need for eradicating such mindset. Practising and advocating the principles of great reformers such as Basavanna seems to be the only way for eradicating the caste system, he added.

Progressive farmer K.H. Nanjappa, Senior Journalist K. Shivakumar, Social Worker A.P. Nagesh and Businessmen Lion Venkatesh and Y. Veerabhadra were conferred 'Basava Ratna' awards on the occasion.

Speaking on behalf of the awardees, Shivakumar accused the Tamil Nadu Government of teaching Tamil, instead of Kannada, as the first language for children at Talawadi Schools bordering Karnataka. Kannada should continue to be the first language of children at Talawadi. Also, there are lakhs of Kannadigas in Tamil Nadu and the Government there should take measures for protecting their interests, by appointing Kannada teachers in Kannada schools there, he said.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion, presented the awards. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Mysuru Sharana Mandali President Mugur Nanjundaswamy, Directors U.S. Shekar, Mahadevaswamy, M. Chandrashekar and others were present.

Annual Conference of the deaf held

Mysuru, July 2- The 9th Annual General Meeting of the Mysore District Deaf Association was held at Rahul Convention Hall in Vishweshwaranagar here recently. The newly-elected President of the Association, S. Murthy, and his wife were present.

Over 200 members attended the meeting including representatives from other districts. During the meeting, children of the Association members received notebooks and school bags, and financial assistance was provided to five children to cover their school fees.

Additionally, 15 members who had participated in various national-level chess competitions, were felicitated. S. Adish, who took part in an International chess competition, was awarded a cash incentive of Rs. 5,000.

The chief guest of the event, K.S. Raghavendra, District Disabled Welfare (DDW) Officer, provided comprehensive information about the Government facilities available to the Association members and office bearers. He assured the Association of full cooperation in the future.

B. Elangovan, Principal of the JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Disabled (JSS PDA), also addressed the gathering and outlined the facilities offered at his college.

In a generous gesture, S. Murthy, the President of Mysore District Deaf Association, Mysuru, donated Rs. 1 lakh to the Association. He expressed his commitment, along with his team, to ensure that the community leads financially independent lives in the days to come.

Mysuru Literature Festival- 2023

Release of five books marks a grand opening

Mysuru, July 2 (BS)- The seventh edition of the two-day Mysuru Literature Festival took off to a colourful start at Hotel Southern Star in city yesterday afternoon.

The Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs -2015 brought together a stellar gathering of authors and notable figures from diverse backgrounds, all converging to share their insights on a wide range of themes.

After inaugurating the Festival, Pramoda Devi of erstwhile Mysore royal family said: "I have become an integral part of the Festival, by being a regular invitee for the inaugural session." Jnanpith awardee litterateur Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar, who also graced the inaugural session, was happy to note the Literary Fest is being organised in a city like Mysuru which is synonymous with the culture of the land.

The significance of the event was the release of five books from different authors that included 'Life and Times' authored by Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*, K.B. Ganapathy, which was released by Pramoda Devi and Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar. The first copy of the book was received by publisher D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Publications, Mysuru.

A news leaf was released during the inauguration of Mysuru Literature Festival at Hotel Southern Star in city yesterday. N. Raghavan of Raghulal and Co. is seen receiving the first copy of the news leaf from Pramoda Devi Wadiyar of Mysore Royal family. Others seen are (from left) Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder, Managing Trustee and Chairperson of Mysuru Book Clubs and Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust; Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar, Author and Jnanpith awardee; Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India and Sam Cherian Kumbakattu, Vice-Chairman, Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust.

The other books released were 'Ela's Unfinished Business' authored by Gayatri, the first copy of which was received by former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. K.C. Belliappa, 'Relationship Ragas - An Anthology of Short Stories' by The Writers Collective Bangalore, 'When The Wind Fell Sick and Other Folk Tales' by Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar (A translation of 'Marave Marmarave Mattu Pushparani' by Krishna Manavalli) and the book 'Sri Lalita Sahasranama Chitravalli' (Volume 1, 2, 3 and 4 — A pictorial depiction of 1000 names of Devi Lalita) by artist Susheel Kumari.

Managing Trustee of Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust Shubha Sanjay Urs said that the Festival showcased a captivating blend of thought-provoking themes and featured participation from esteemed writers.

The panel discussions revolve around a diverse range of subjects, encompassing history, translations, languages, sports, and agriculture. These engaging discussions aimed to explore the multifaceted aspects of these topics and provide inspiration to the attendees, she added.

A news leaf was also unveiled by the dignitaries the first copy of which was received by N. Raghavan of Raghulal and Co.

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust Trustee Kitty Mandana and Secretary Thankam Panakaland others were present.

History's governance lessons still relevant: Dr. Bibek Debroy

Mysuru, July 2 (BS)- Chairman of Economic Advisory Council to the PM Dr. Bibek Debroy delineated on 'Governance lessons from Itihasa-Puranas' during a panel discussion that followed the inauguration of the two-day Mysuru Literature Festival at Jyothi Hall of Hotel Southern Star in the city yesterday.

With his extensive knowledge and experience in translating significant Sanskrit works like the *Bhagavad Gita*, *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana* into English, Dr. Debroy drew upon a vast range of sources. He explained, "The term 'Itihasa,' classified as 'Iti' and 'Haasa,' refers to 'history' in English, and it tells us about what indeed happened. This is associated with the *Mahabharata* and *Valmiki Ramayana*."

Dr. Debroy highlighted that Maharshi Vedavyas is perceived to have redivided and reclassified history, evident in his epic *Mahabharata* and 18 Puranas. He noted the varying roles of Indra, the king of Gods, in each Manvantara, as the lifespan differs in different yugas such as Krita Yuga, Dvapara Yuga, Treta Yuga and Kali Yuga, each lasting for several thousands of years.

Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), delivering a talk after the inauguration of Mysuru Literature Festival yesterday.

Comparing the two great epics, *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*, Dr. Debroy emphasised that *Valmiki Ramayana* was composed before *Mahabharata*. *Ramayana* narrates the story of Surya Vamsha, while *Mahabharata* focuses on Chandra Vamsha and consists of one lakh shlokas. Dr. Debroy delved into the evolution of governance through the Yugas, mentioning that the first king, known as 'Prithu,' emerged in Treta Yuga and established rules to punish the wicked and protect the good. Subsequently, the king formulated rules for the exploitation of the Earth in various forms, leading to the reference of 'Prithvi,' the daughter of Prithu.

Addressing the topic of governance, Dr. Debroy remarked that 'Governance' itself is a buzzword that raises questions such as "what is governance?" and "why do we use this term?" He distinguished governance from government by emphasising the role of citizens, stating that what the government does for the people is called "government," while the collective efforts of the community represent "governance."

Dr. Debroy also referred to historical records from the British era, such as the All-India Gazetteer and District Level Gazetteer, which chronicled various events. He mentioned the Ambala Gazetteer, which documented the construction of a canal in 1883 with the inclusive participation of the community.

The canal project had a cost of Rs. 45,000, with Rs. 20,000 contributed by the government and Rs. 25,000 by the community. Dr. Debroy also highlighted the commencement of the Ganga cleaning project in 1886, which involved a dedicated authority.

Highlighting the need for further exploration of historical references, Dr. Debroy shared, "India has 40 million manuscripts, and 95 percent of them are yet to be translated. I possess a manuscript of 'Chorya Shastra' dating back to the 12th century, which focuses on thieves.

According to *Itihasa Puranas*, there was a corpus of 19 laws in a specific order of priority. During the question-and-answer session following his talk, Dr. Debroy touched upon the life of the current Yuga and the role of Lord Krishna in the *Mahabharata*.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Debroy drew a parallel between Lord Krishna's actions in Kurukshetra, where he united most of the kings in support of the Pandavas against the Kauravas, and the efforts of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of India, who integrated over 500 princely States into the Indian Union.

Is pen mightier? Author Perumal Murugan debates

Mysuru, July 2 (CN&DM)- Renowned Tamil author Perumal Murugan captivated the audience at Mysuru Literature Festival yesterday with his fascinating anecdotes and challenges.

During a panel discussion 'Is the Pen Mightier? Politics of Culture and Defiance,' Perumal Murugan revealed that he faced similar threats to those encountered by writers Gauri Lankesh and Prof. M.M. Kalburgi in Karnataka. These threats stemmed from his translation of Vasudevan's Tamil work, 'Mathoru Bagan,' into English, published under the title 'One Part Woman.'

In response to the protests, he expressed his frustration by posting on Facebook that writer Perumal Murugan had passed away and would no longer have a rebirth. He declared that only a teacher named P. Murugan would continue to exist.

Perumal Murugan, renowned Tamil author, during a panel discussion on 'Is the Pen Mightier? Politics of Culture and Defiance' of Mysuru Literature Festival in city yesterday. He is flanked by Ravi Joshi** (extreme left), **former Diplomat, R&AW and Kannan Sundaram, Editor & Publisher.

Perumal Murugan explained that the Konguvellala Gounder, a powerful community in Western Tamil Nadu, accused his book of defaming their women and targeting a Goddess. However, the Madras High Court deemed the peace meeting organised by the community in 2016 as illegal. Additionally, the Court dismissed all criminal charges filed against Perumal Murugan by casteist groups. He highlighted that the Court's ruling upheld freedom of expression, allowing him to freely express his opinions. In recognition of his work, his book 'One Part Woman' received the Sahitya Academy Award in 2017.

Expressing his views on language, Perumal Murugan criticised the categorisation of languages in India, stating that Hindi and English are considered dominant languages while others are often labelled as regional languages.

He questioned whether this classification would change if books written in South Indian languages and non-Hindi languages received international awards and recognition.

Later, Perumal Murugan discussed another one of his books, 'Poonachhi,' which centres around a goat. He mentioned that the process of writing the book itself was enthralling and expressed his gratitude for the widespread appreciation it received from various quarters.

When asked why he focused on writing about humans and animals like dogs and cats, Perumal Murugan humorously admitted that he avoided writing about cows and pigs to avoid controversies.

Kannan Sundaram, Editor & Publisher of Kalachuvadu, a monthly journal on culture and politics, provided English translation for Perumal Murugan's speech in Tamil, and the panel discussion also featured Ravi Joshi, former Diplomat, R&AW, as a participant.

Pay attention to cooking at home, avoid junk food

Celebrity nutritionist Rujuta Diwekar, Yoga & Bharatanatyam exponent Yamini Muthanna on the essence of having a balanced diet

Mysore, July 2 (SPN&BCT)- Celebrity nutritionist and author Rujuta Diwekar said that many people are overeating proteins and ignoring the regular balanced meals which have the right proportions of various essential nutrients required by our body.

Mumbai-based Diwekar, whose clients are spread across 50 countries and include some of India's top Bollywood stars and business tycoons, was speaking at a session 'Demystifying the Art of Eating Well — Bhikshaandehi Krupavalambanakari Maataa Anna Purneshwari' at the Mysuru Literature Festival-2023 last evening along with Yamini Muthanna, an exponent and teacher of Bharatanatyam and Yoga.

According to Diwekar, consuming an excess of protein can lead to issues such as acidity, constipation and even anxiety. She emphasises that for proper protein assimilation, it is important to consider the concept of the whole food matrix. The whole food matrix refers to eating a balanced combination of different foods in proportions that have been traditionally established over time.

In terms of children's development and health, it is important to provide high-quality nutrition. However, Rujuta Diwekar emphasised that encouraging the consumption of junk food is not advisable.

In recent days, there has been an increase in the consumption of junk food among children. This has a negative impact on the child's health. Therefore, they advised giving preference to traditional foods and avoiding the consumption of junk food.

Obsession with heroes, heroines

It is very much possible to maintain a healthy lifestyle by consuming homemade food. Rujuta and Yamini suggested that purified and cooked food at home improves health. They also mentioned that the obsession with celebrity lifestyles makes young people want to look like film heroes and heroines. They recommended following daily routines and incorporating exercise, with yoga being the best option.

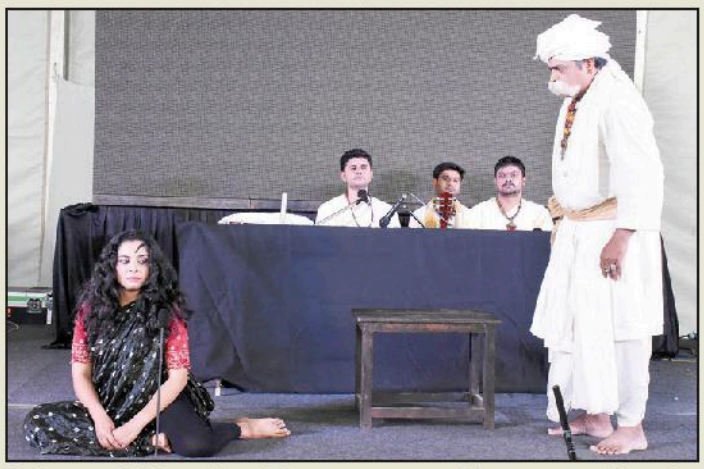
Rujuta mentioned the use of rice as it is good for health. Rice, lentils and simple foods like ghee improve the quality of hair. Consuming coconut contributes to the health of the skin and hair.

"Everyone should adhere to their daily routine and adopt the food practices they have been accustomed to in the morning. By following such a diet, you can maintain good health. Avoiding unnatural food ingredients and keeping children away from their consumption is necessary. Also, drinking an adequate amount of water per day, suitable for the body, is essential. Pay attention to your cooking at home," she said.

Home-cooked meals play a significant role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. By maintaining hygiene and cooking nutritious food at home, one can achieve good health. Diwekar also mentioned that millets, like ragi, are beneficial for health.

Prasanna's 'Ayodhya Kanda' sets stage perfectly for Lit Fest

Mysuru, July 2 (SBD&BCT)- At the inaugural of the Mysuru Literature Festival-2023, Mysuru-based theatre group 'Navodaya' staged senior theatre personality and activist Prasanna's 'Ayodhya Kanda'. It is the first of his planned trilogy of *Ramayana* plays and as per the audience, the play was absolutely delightful, profound and moving.



Artistes of 'Navodaya' theatre troupe, Mysuru, staging the play 'Ayodhya Kanda' at Mysuru Literature Festival yesterday.

The minimalist stage design served to enhance the performance, channelling the complete focus of the audience towards the talented artistes. Anush Shetty, C.S. Padmashree, Pradeep Udupi, Rajalakshmi, Sundaresh Devapiryam and Yadushreshta delivered compelling performances, showcasing their remarkable singing abilities as well. However, it was Padmashree, a graduate of the esteemed National School of Drama (NSD), who truly stole the show by seamlessly portraying multiple characters. Her portrayal of Mantara was nothing short of mesmerising, captivating the audience through her acting prowess, emotional depth, graceful dance moves, enchanting singing and athletic display.

The play cleverly incorporated the essence of Karnataka's Yakshagana and Bayalata traditions, both in the props and dialogue, providing an earthy and authentic flavour. This enthralling production set the stage perfectly for an interesting day at the Festival. The performance skilfully bridged the old epic with new moral concerns while maintaining its narrative integrity. Prasanna's rendition incorporates everyday moments that bring the epic to life and resonate with the contemporary moral imagination. It is a valuable addition to the ongoing tradition of *Ramayana* retellings that prioritise humanistic values in the present.

Distance education has gained prominence in country: Justice Ashok Kinagi

18th Convocation of KSOU held, Prez Murmu to be conferred Hon. Doctorate at Bengaluru tomorrow

N. Ramachandraiah, Founder-Chairman of Bengaluru-based Dhanvantri Educational Trust and S.N. Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Raju, Chairman of Bengaluru-based The Oxford Educational Institutions were conferred D. Litt (Honorary Doctorate) degrees during 18th Convocation of KSOU in city this morning as (from left) Registrar Prof. K.L.N. Murthy, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Karnataka High Court Judge Justice Ashok S. Kinagi, KSOU Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.B. Praveena and Dean (Academic) Prof. Lakshmi look on. Picture right shows the medal winners.

Mysuru, July 2 (RK&DM)- Observing that India is anticipated to become a hub of distance education in the future, with distance education gaining prominence in the country in the last few decades, Karnataka High Court Judge Justice Ashok S. Kinagi said that Open and Distance Learning (ODL) will play a greater role in the coming days.

He was delivering the Convocation address of the 18th annual Convocation of city's KSOU (Karnataka State Open University) at Convocation Hall, KSOU Campus in Muktagangothri on Hunsur Road here this morning.

Addressing the graduating students, Justice Ashok Kinagi said "This day of the Convocation marks the completion of an important phase of your life. On this significant day in your life, you would be experiencing joy and happiness to see your perseverance, hard work and commitment being translated into achievement of your goals and objectives."

Noting that the ODL system will have to be transformed to a learner centric approach, coupled with technology-enabled online education system, he said that with greater emphasis on an increased learner base, it is imperative that ODL institutions will progress towards conventional student support to ICT-based student support.

Pointing out that Open and Distance Education is considered as an important instrument for human capital development, he said that ODL programmes provide students with vocational and technical skills, that will enable them become successful entrepreneurs and be self-reliant.

Overall, distance education has had a defining impact on the current educational system from a variety of perspectives, including better accessibility, technology-enhanced learning, flexible admission procedures, cost effective education and useful for independent studies,

Justice Ashok Kinagi said adding that even though distance education has a few drawbacks, the practical worth of it can never be denied. He lauded the KSOU for its immense contribution to the progress of higher education in India in its over 25 years of existence. Congratulating KSOU for getting NAAC A+ grade, he wished the University more glory and success in future.

N. Ramachandraiah, Founder Chairman of Bengaluru-based Dhanvantri Educational Trust and Chairperson, Sri Lakshmi Group of Institutions and S.N.Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Raju, President of Bengaluru-based The Oxford Educational Institutions and were conferred D. Litt (Honorary Doctorate) degrees on the occasion.

President of India Droupadi Murmu, who was also to be conferred the D. Litt Honorary Doctorate was absent. However, the KSOU will confer the Honorary Doctorate on the President when she will be in Bengaluru to take part in an educational event tomorrow (July 3).

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the KSOU Chancellor, presided over the ceremony. Earlier KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse delivered the welcome address.

KSOU Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.B. Praveena, Registrar Prof. K.L.N. Murthy, Prof. Lakshmi, Dean (Academic) and others were present.

A total of 8,722 students (7,057 Post-graduates, 1,664 Graduates and one Doctoral degree) received their degrees. Female students outnumbered their male counterparts in getting degrees.

Also, 44 gold medals and 27 cash prizes were given away to top ranking students. N. Bhagyashree was the lone student to receive the P.hD degree at the convocation. She got her Doctoral degree in Political Science. H.M. Soubhagya bagged 2 gold medals and a cash prize for coming first in M.A. (Kannada).

66-year old among Cash prize winner

S. Ardhahanari, a 66-year-old retired Bank officer of Chennai was the eldest among the cash prize recipients. He got the cash prize for having top scored in M.A.(Sanskrit).

Youngsters buy coffee for Rs. 180 but shun books priced at Rs. 300

Author Jerry Pinto stresses significance of encouraging widespread reading habits at Lit Fest

Mysuru, July 2 (CN&DM)- Author Jerry Pinto delivered an engrossing talk at the Mysuru Literature Festival last evening, shedding light on the theme of 'Bridging the Cultural Gap: Publishing, Folklore, Historic Legends.'

He delved into the captivating stories of historic legends while addressing the concerning disinterest among today's youth towards reading books.

Highlighting an interesting observation, Pinto noted that young individuals readily spend Rs. 180 on a cup of coffee but hesitate when it comes to purchasing valuable books priced at Rs. 300, considering them costly.

He emphasised the importance of distancing ourselves from the incessant scrolling on social media and instead treating literacy as an essential tool in our lives. Pinto regretted that as a society, we have failed to open everyone's eyes to the vast world that books offer.

Author Jerry Pinto in conversation with Lakshmi Palecanda** (extreme right) **during a panel discussion on 'Bridging the Cultural Gap: Publishing, Folklore, Historic Legends' at Mysuru Literature Festival in city yesterday as** (from left) **English Professor, literary critic and translator Krishna Manavalli, Editor and Publisher of Kalachuvadu, a monthly journal on culture and politics Kannan Sundaram and Author Preetha Rajah Kannan look on.

Pinto reflected on a time when Doordarshan, the sole government-run TV channel, was the only medium of communication, without the presence of the internet or other means of information dissemination. He argued that this limited exposure to the outside world hindered our understanding of the harsh realities that surround us.

Calling for a collective effort to eradicate negligence, Pinto stressed the significance of encouraging widespread reading habits and establishing more libraries. He explained, "By reading books, we can expand our understanding of the world. In addition to reading, we must engage with others to gain a deeper comprehension of life. We ought to build a world based on love and affection, not hatred."

Pinto firmly believed that every book purchased holds intrinsic value. Books not only provide awareness but also present challenges and enhance our knowledge. He contended that reading books has the potential to transform our personalities and set us apart.

Love for English

During the event, writer Krishna Manavalli shared her personal experiences, revealing Telugu as her mother tongue and Kannada as the State language. While she primarily communicates in English at home and on social media, she attributed her love for English literature to her grandfather Nanjundarao and her introduction to Kannada literature to her uncle K.R. Nagaraj. Manavalli also mentioned that her travels across the country enriched her creativity through exposure to diverse environments.

Later, Preetha Rajah Kannan, author of the Tamil book 'Ponnian Selvam,' provided insights into the grand temples of Thanjavur. Kannan Sundaram and Lakshmi Palecanda were the other participants in the panel discussion.

Home Minister visits Palace with family, hold talks with Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar chairing a meeting at the DIGP-Southern Range Office in city yesterday as DIGP- Southern Range Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar and other Police Officers look on.

Mysuru, July 2 (BLU&TRR)- Home Minister G. Parameshwar who was on a visit to Mysuru city for the first time after assuming office, met Mysore Royal Family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar at the Palace and held talks yesterday.

Dr. Parameshwar and wife Kannika offered puja to Sri Chamundeshwari, installed on a wooden Ambari at Gombe Thotti in the Palace.

Later, they visited Durbar Hall of the Palace and posed for photographs. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar warmly welcomed Dr. Parameshwar and his wife Kannika, who called on her at her private residence in the Palace by offering them bouquets. Home Minister and Pramoda Devi held talks for about half an hour .

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Parameshwar recalled that he had very close association with late Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar and in this regard he was paying a courtesy visit to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

The Home Minster also visited Chamundi Hill and offered special puja to Godess Sri Chamundeshwari with family members.

Later, Dr. Parameshwar met KPCC spokesperson H.A. Venkatesh at his residence in J.P. Nagar and had breakfast with him.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar and Congress party media spokesperson Mahesh accompanied the Home Minister.

As per protocol, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, DCP (Law and Order) Muthuraj and other Police officers were present.

City youth killed as car catches fire at Gundlupet

Muzammil

Gundlupet, July 2 (SS&KS)- A 28-year-old youth from the city was killed in a tragic incident that occurred near Begur Hirikaati Gate in Gundlupet taluk last night.

The victim, identified as Muzammil and the son of Mohammed Wasim, resided in Siddique Nagar. Muzammil was employed as a manager at a restaurant in Siddique Nagar.

The accident occurred between 10.30 pm and 11 pm when the car Muzammil was driving collided with a goods vehicle. Tragically, the car caught fire, leading to Muzammil's untimely demise.

The Police have registered a case at Begur Police Station, and Chamarajanagar SP Padmini Sahu visited the accident site to assess the situation.

Muzammil's parents had just completed their Haj pilgrimage. The charred remains of Muzammil were brought back to Mysuru, and today, the burial ceremony took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Criminals posing as Police rob a man

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As Muthappa complied and opened the door, two of the individuals forcefully entered his vehicle, brandishing a knife and menacingly demanding cash and valuables. Despite Muthappa's refusal, the miscreants escalated the situation, causing minor injuries by placing sharp objects on his right hand and neck.

Eventually, they snatched Muthappa's gold chain, weighing around 65 grams valued at Rs. 3.5 lakh, before fleeing from the scene. Muthappa immediately contacted the Police to report the incident. Highway Patrol Police promptly arrived at the location, providing Muthappa with necessary medical assistance at Maddur Hospital.

Subsequently, Muthappa filed a complaint at Maddur Police Station, detailing the events of the robbery. Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) C.E. Thammaiah of Mandya stated that the Police are actively investigating the case, determining whether the miscreants were on foot or employed a vehicle during the incident.

Since Muthappa was unable to identify the culprits, the Police have increased patrols on the Expressway and are pursuing leads to aid in their investigation.

Session on Kaveri-2.0 technology, procedures held for city realtors

NAREDCO Legal Expert Committee Member Dhirendra Kumar R. Mehta seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Session in city recently as NAREDCO Hon. Secretary Nagesh, Chairman Divyesh, Advocate Ramesh, NAREDCO President T.G. Adisheshan Gowda and Vice-President Paniraj look on.

Mysuru, July 2 (SPN&BCT)- The National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) Mysuru Chapter recently organised a session on deemed conversion (land conversion) and the new technology Kaveri-2.0.

NAREDCO Legal Expert Committee member Dhirendra Kumar R. Mehta addressed the gathering. Advocate M. V. Ramesh also participated in the discussion regarding the Kaveri-2.0 technology, its methodology and implications.

Dhirendra Kumar first spoke about the deemed land conversion. According to the new land conversion regulations, if landowners submit online applications to the Deputy Commissioner for land conversion for purposes other than agricultural use, the authority must review the application within 7 to 15 days before initiating any action or making a decision.

Approval as per CDP

Furthermore, if the application is accepted from the landowner under the new land conversion regulations, it undergoes scrutiny at various levels. The Town Planning Authority, District Survey Officer, Deputy Director of Land Records and ultimately the Deputy Commissioner must approve the land conversion according to the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP).

Mehta emphasised the need of understanding the correct procedures to have a better understanding of how the application will be approved or rejected at the higher levels. Officers cannot provide lame excuses to delay the genuine applications, without proper reasons, he noted.

He highlighted the significant changes made by the State and Central Governments in the Department of Urban Development to implement planned development in any city. Real estate entrepreneurs must be aware of these changes.

Onus on applicants

Previously, the responsibility for land conversion lay with the Tahsildar and the land records officer. However, now the applicants themselves must mention the responsibility for submitted documents in the affidavit, as per the amendments to the land conversion regulations.

"Even if any Government land is included in the property document while applying, the onus is on the applicant, not the officer. The applicant will be held accountable," Mehta noted.

Advocate M V. Ramesh contributed to the discussion on the new Kaveri-2.0 software/system, providing details. He too mentioned that the affidavit should clearly state the applicant's responsibility when submitting applications for land conversion, particularly if it involves Government land.

"If the Government land is erroneously included in the land conversion scope, the applicants themselves would be held responsible, as per the regulations," he added. Applications can be sent online from the comforts of the homes and the role of touts and middlemen has been eliminated, he added. Even payment, photo uploading and signatures/ thumb impressions can be done online, saving the time that was earlier used to visit the offices, Ramesh added.

In summary, the discussion focused on the new land conversion regulations and the responsibility of applicants under the Kaveri-2.0 initiative. The attendees emphasised the importance of understanding and adhering to the revised procedures to avoid unnecessary delays or rejections.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Reducing the high death toll on our Toll-Way!

It is for the third time in a very short span of time that I am writing about this subject and I hope and pray that I don't feel compelled to write about it once again. But if we look back, not a single day passes without our new Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway making its presence in the news. And, sadly it is all only for the wrong reasons and for making some very distressingly sad news.

More than sixty precious lives have been lost this year alone, in accidents along its comparatively short length and the total death toll over the last one year has crossed a hundred and ten, which is nothing short of being an appalling disaster. Many people, perturbed by this and fearful of using it, now prefer to drive along the older portions of the road or even take the Malavalli - Kanakapura road to reach Bengaluru safely, albeit slowly. So, it is very clear that our new Highway is not just extracting a very high toll in terms of the money we are all paying to use it, but also a much higher toll in terms of the lives that are being lost on it, day after day.

Although this deadly trend became apparent quite early, ever since we started using this Highway, nothing much has been done to prevent it, except by way of holding academic discussions. Yes, that is all we have been doing over the past so many months. We regularly read reports and even see pictures of endless inspections and assessments being made by various technical bodies, every few days. But all these actions have unfortunately not yet set in motion any practical measures to end the problem.

Our authorities must realise that at a time of war, academic discussions serve no purpose, because what is needed to win any war is action. And, action is what we are just not seeing, although the problem we are facing is nothing short of a war. It would not have needed this much time since the accidents began, for our authorities to install speed radars and CCTV cameras along the Highway to monitor the behaviour of road users and start booking them for wrongdoing.

Procuring the infrastructure to put this in place, must certainly have been thought of at the time of planning this huge project. It is something that is well in place along many of our other Highways that have been built over the recent years. So, the question is, why are we seeing such a painful delay in commissioning it here? And, if this was not thought of, as a very essential requirement, while planning this Highway, it needs to be counted as a monumental lapse and the people responsible for it should be held accountable.

Without anyone or any system to check their transgressions, the behaviour of our road users has to be seen to be believed. Everybody seems to think that just because long open stretches are available for them, they can test the limits of their vehicles and driving skills, in their quest for adventure and excitement. More than eighty percent of cars exceed the speed limit and keep jumping lanes as if in a video game. And almost all the trucks, buses and other slower vehicles, that cannot twist and turn easily, invariably drive on the wrong lanes, for long distances, next to each other, obstructing the smooth flow of the rest of the traffic.

Just a few days ago, as I was driving just under the stipulated speed limit on the Mandya bypass segment, a high-end limousine overtook me at breakneck speed with two small, excited kids, putting half their bodies out of the open sunroof and waving out wildly to all the other vehicles. Their grinning parents, without realising their own stupidity in exposing their kids to the extreme peril of indulging in this kind of fun, seemed to be supremely happy in showing off their expensive car and its abilities.

There was no need for an accident, to occur to cause any harm to their little ones. Just the need to brake and slow down a little, to avoid one, would have been enough to send both of them flying out of the open roof like two torpedoes, with ghastly consequences. I was so perturbed by this sight that I decided to risk exceeding the speed limit, to overtake their car just to flag it down and make their parents aware of the extreme danger of what they were letting their kids do. But my car and my driving skills combined, were just no match to even draw close to them, although I held on to my pursuit relentlessly till they entered the Channapatna-Ramanagara bypass where I lost sight of them, after I decided that taking the risk myself was not worth pursuing my good intentions.

All I could do was just pray for the safety of those two kids and the happiness of their utterly foolish parents! Because it is one of the most unsafe things to do, I feel that driving with children standing, with their bodies jutting out of sunroofs should be completely banned by law, on all our roads.

Our new Highway by itself, has a good many design flaws which is a fact known to all experienced road users but which is vehemently being denied by the authorities who built it and their political mentors in their attempts to justify their actions. One glaring example is the complete absence of lay-bys at frequent intervals, where we can safely park our vehicles in times of need and wait for help. And, although as of now they are absent, we are being told that all those very essential wayside amenities like fuel stations, rest-rooms, restaurants and repair stations will eventually be provided.

Although some of its faults are likely to be accepted by the authorities, sometime in the future, due to compelling evidence, not all of the faults can be corrected easily now or in the future too. So, the best and perhaps the only way of reducing needless deaths on this Highway, before it becomes more infamous, is to electronically monitor traffic flow, like speed and lane discipline and penalise all violations with very stiff penalties. And, these penalties should be high enough to effectively deter even the high and mighty and the rich and powerful. **There seems to be just no other way, for safety and happiness to come this way!**

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Indira IVF celebrates 1,25,000 successful IVF procedures

Mysuru, July 2- Indira IVF, the largest fertility chain in the country, has effectively demonstrated the advanced methods for treating infertility, offering couples the joy of parenthood even in the face of complex reproductive challenges. With an impressive success rate, Indira IVF has accomplished the milestone of performing 1,25,000 successful IVF procedures.

To celebrate this achievement, a grand event was organised at Indira IVF Mysore recently. Prof. Jagadish from the Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Inspector P.P. Santosh of Lashkar Mohalla Police Station were the chief guests.

The programme, led by Centre Head Dr. Dilip H. Ramesh, included a cake-cutting ceremony and distribution of gifts to honour the couple, Dr. Shobha Rani and Manohar, who welcomed all the guests.

Dr. Kshitiz Murdia, CEO of Indira IVF Group, said: "IVF treatment has brought hope to couples worldwide who are unable to conceive. At Indira IVF, every couple receives personalised attention, with the treatment process tailored to address their specific challenges. As a result, even couples with complex fertility issues have been able to experience the joy of parenthood."

Dr. Dilip Ramesh said: "At Indira IVF, the use of Artificial Intelligence and Electronic Witnessing System ensures that there is no possibility of human error during the treatment process."

Indira IVF operates 117 centres across the country, where they offer state-of-the-art treatment at affordable rates.

International Day Against Drug Abuse

Viveka Hospitals hold Walkathon

Mysuru, July 2- Viveka Foundation and Viveka Hospitals, Mysuru, had organised a walkathon on June 26 on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking from Palace North Gate.

The event was attended by Dr. Manju Prasad (DLO), District Mental Health Programme Officer, Dr. Sudha Naik (District Mental Health Psychiatrist), Arunkumar (Director, Viveka Foundation), Treating team members of Viveka Hospitals, Principal and Staff of JSS Nursing College and students from Holdsworth Memorial College of Nursing (Mission Hospital) and members of the public. Students from Mission Hospital rendered the invocation. Chitralekha (Psychologist) welcomed.

Chief guest Dr. Manju Prasad spoke about the ill-effects of drug abuse and encouraged students to take help of mental health professionals whenever any red flags were noticed. He spoke about how life can hamper our emotional, social and spiritual growth.

Dr. Sudha Naik (District Mental Health Psychiatrist) spoke about various issues to address ways to combat drug abuse, also about illicit trafficking and the NDPS amendment presently existing and how they can be punished for being a part of this act.

Head of the Department of JSS Nursing College Saraswathy provided insights on how to prevent drug abuse.

The 17-member street students drama troupe from Mission Hospital, under the guidance of Prathibha, presented a lively street play creating awareness among the public.

Soniya compered the programme. Psychiatrist at Viveka Foundation Dr. Vinaykumar proposed a vote of thanks.

NDRF leads mock drill on flood response in Kodagu

Kushalnagar, July 2 (Akshay& BCT)- A mock drill on flood rescue operations was conducted by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) rescue team and personnel from Government Departments at Hebbatageri village in Kodagu yesterday. Ironically, the drill was held at a time when Kodagu is facing an acute shortage of rainfall which is much below normal.

NDRF personnel, as specialised disaster responders,demonstrated flood response, rescue, evacuation and first aid to educate the local population. The drill was led by Deputy Commissioner Venkata Raja who assumed charge just days ago.

The drill, titled 'Disaster Demonstration,' was carried out with the cooperation of various Departments such as District Administration, NDRF, Police, Fire Brigade and Home Guards. The drill was aimed to create awareness among the public about how to undertake rescue operations during natural disasters like floods and landslides.

All the Departments actively participated in the exercise and understood their responsibilities during such challenging times. The training was aimed to equip people with effective strategies to cope with emergencies and disasters and to emphasise the role of NDRF in these situations.

Demonstration on emergency rescue methods

The mock drill included demonstrations of rescues including the collapse of land, tree falls, drowning rescue, boat rescue techniques and rescue from collapsed houses. Demonstration on emergency rescue methods and first-aid for drowning cases were also conducted.

In the event of a natural disaster, various measures were demonstrated in such situations. These included cutting off electricity supply, sealing off the incident site, providing initial medical treatment and transporting severely injured individuals to the hospital. Mock drills of such nature were conducted more than nine times in Kodagu till now.

NDRF Inspector Shantilal Jatiya led the team of 23 members, Assistant Sub-Inspector Chennanayaka from the Police Department with 15 Police officers, a team of 8 members led by Nagaraju from the Fire and Emergency Services Department and a team of 8 members led by Akshay from the Home Guards division participated, taking the total personnel to 54.

The DC stated that the mock exercise aimed to assess the disaster preparedness of different departments and agencies responsible for disaster management. Considering the vulnerability of villages along the river banks to floods, raising awareness among the public and evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of stakeholders was crucial for building disaster resilience.

He revealed that the joint practice sessions were aimed to enhance coordination, address shortcomings and achieve better results during rescue operations. The main objective of the exercise was to raise awareness among citizens about preventive measures and equip them with the necessary skills to deal with any natural or disastrous situation effectively.

Coordinated actions and synergy

Venkata Raja explained that through coordinated actions and synergy among various emergency support functions at the district and village levels, an effective flood response could be ensured during a real disaster situation. Drawing from past experiences, arrangements were being made in advance, including resources, manpower, equipment, communication, and systems, to save lives, he said.

The District Administration took the initiative to provide information through demonstration to instil public confidence in understanding how rescue operations are conducted and safety measures are taken during floods and landslides. Venkata Raja also mentioned the importance of raising public awareness about the procedures and protocols followed during such situations to ensure safety and rescue operations.

'Though we have received below-average rainfall, there is a possibility of average to above-average rainfall in July and August," he added. District Disaster Management Officer R.M. Ananya Vasudeva and other officers were present.

Kodagu couple killed as KSRTC bus rams into car near Bilikere

They were on their way to pick their daughter from Mysore Airport

H.B. Belliappa and his wife Veena.

Hunsur, July 2- A couple from Kodagu, who were on their way to pick up their daughter from Mysore Airport at Mandakalli, were killed when a KSRTC bus rammed into their car on NH-275 near Rangaiahnakoppal close to Bilikere yesterday.

The deceased are H.B. Belliappa (64), retired Principal of Maragodu College and Kodagu District BSP Vice-President and his wife Veena (54), residents of Guddehosur.

The couple's daughter was to arrive to Mysore Airport from Hyderabad and the couple left their house in their Maruti Dzire car (KA-12-MA-5209) to the airport. When they neared Rangaiahnakoppal, a KSRTC bus (KA-09-F-5404) which was coming from Mysuru to Hunsur, collided head-on with the car killing Belliappa on the spot and his wife breathed her last while being shifted to a hospital. The front portion of the car was badly damaged due to the impact.

Hunsur Dy.SP Mahesh, Bilikere Inspector Chikkaswamy, Sub-Inspector Lingaraj Urs, ASI Gopalakrishna and staff Ravi, Ashok, Manohar, Govinda and others rushed to the spot and conducted preliminary investigation. A case has been registered at Bilikere Police Station.

It is learnt that, Belliappa and Venna's daughter Shruti, who works in a private company at Hyderabad, had informed her father that she would be leaving in a flight from Hyderabad at 1 pm on Saturday. As the flight would arrive at Mysore Airport at about 3.15 pm, Belliappa and Veena were proceeding in their car to pick up their daughter from the airport when the accident took place.

Meanwhile, Shruti, who arrived at Mysore Airport, was waiting for her parents when a relative called her over the phone and informed her about the tragedy. Shruti then rushed to Hunsur Government Hospital where the bodies of her parents were shifted by the Police. The couple's another daughter is said to be in Bengaluru.

A native of Hirikere village in Somwarpet taluk, Belliappa had served as the Principal of Maragodu Government College before retiring. The couple were residing at a rented house in Guddehosur and Belliappa who was the BSP District Vice-President was involved in political activities.

One arrested for house burglary and two-wheeler lifting

Mysuru, July 2 (KS)- City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, on June 27, have arrested a man on charges of committing house burglaries and interrogated him during which the accused is said to have confessed of committing house burglaries in Mysuru, Mandya and lifting a two-wheeler in Biligere Police limits.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered 53 grams gold ornaments, 1.5 kg silver articles, one TV and one two-wheeler all worth Rs. 4.7 lakh from him.

Following the arrest, the CCB Police have solved one house burglary case at Alanahalli Police Station, two house burglary cases in Mandya and one two-wheeler lifting case at Biligere Police Station.

CCB ACP S.N. Sandesh Kumar guided CCB Inspector G. Shekar, Sub-Inspector Maruthi Antaragatti, ASI Asgar Khan and staff Saleem Pasha, Ramaswamy, A. Umamahesh, Lakshmikanth, Prakash, Suresh, Mahesh, Ravishankar, Mohanaradhya and others in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Obituary

Doddaveerappa

Mysuru, July 2- Doddaveerappa (85), retired Railways employee and a resident of Hosa Bandikeri, passed away in city.

He leaves behind four sons including K.R. Bank Vice-President Basavaraj Basappa, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Let libraries promote easy understanding of Science: ZP CEO

Mysuru, July 2 (TRR)- "Science as a subject is a hard nut to crack for some people. Public Libraries must be upgraded so that Science can be understood easily by everyone," said Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K.M. Gayathri.

She was presiding over a training programme on 'Science Learning Activities, Supervision and Management of Libraries,' organised jointly by ZP, Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Bengaluru and Science & Technology Communication, Popularisation & Extension (SCoPE) at Abdul Nazir Sab auditorium in Mysuru ZP recently.

"By upgrading libraries, facilities should be provided to readers who come there seeking knowledge. Get training here to enhance your knowledge. It is the intention of this training programme to introduce Science learning activities for children in all 255 libraries in the district. Science subject is usually in English and a few children find it difficult to understand it properly. Science can be remembered if it is made available in mother tongue. Librarians must actively discharge their duties and organise special activities for children. In case of any problem, bring it to our notice. We will take steps to provide needed equipment and ensure development of libraries. Activities of libraries will be reviewed every 15 days," said the ZP CEO.

Deenabandhu Seva Organisation's Founder-Secretary Jayadeva, who inaugurated the training programme, said that he has love for books since his childhood. "If you are in the company of books, it will change your life. Libraries are the treasure house of knowledge and it is only when we understand the potential of libraries and their uses, we realise their importance. Libraries are centres of knowledge for everybody including children. Books influenced Gandhiji's life and they open doors of knowledge. Use simple Science toys and let children understand Science through them. When we have thirst for knowledge, our inner world expands, other problems will become petty and open new possibilities," added Jayadeva.

Kollegal Sharma, retired Chief Scientist of CFTRI and author of 'Jaana Prashne' donated 500 copies and Adyanadka Krishna Bhat's 'Ayda Barahagalu' (Science Literature) books to all Gram Panchayat Libraries.

ZP Deputy Secretary Dr. M. Krishnamraju, Assistant Secretary Kuldeepa, Project Director B.M. Savitha and District Librarians participated in the training programme.

Mysuru second in reading at digital library

Mysuru, July 2 (BLU&BS)- The lure of uncontrolled use of cellphone, watching films on Over The Top (OTT) platform and other new age mediums of entertainment has snatched the joy of reading the book, argue some. But still there are ardent book readers especially at the digital libraries of Department of Public Libraries in the city, who have made Mysuru second in digital library in the State.

The Cultural Capital Mysuru stands second after Silicon City Bengaluru in the State for having highest readers at digital libraries.

Like foreign countries, the libraries in India too have got a hi-tech look, with the Government incorporating the technology. Earlier, we had to either take the book on lending from circulating libraries or buy home to keep the habit of reading. Now, electronic gadgets like computer, mobile phone or laptop are suffice to flip lakhs of books in a digital format. The readers can even select books of their choice to satiate their quest for knowledge.

In all, 10,63,044 books are available in digital format, which come in handy for those preparing for competitive exams to take references from them. In Mysuru district alone, 22,51,546 readers have enrolled for the digital library, who will be provided with password to access the facility from the comfort of their home. Those devoid of any such privilege at home, visit the libraries — City Central Library at People's Park, Nazarbad, Kuvempunagar, J.P. Nagar and Ramakrishnanagar, to use digital library.

> Total 22,51,546 readers have enrolled in various libraries in district including city with 15,20,726 books made available

The digital library facility is also available at Taluk Central Libraries too, with total 15,20,726 books available in the district.

Among State-level in the country, Karnataka tops in digital library with 3.5 crore readers enrolling their names for the facility. With most of the people possessing smart phones, they can access digital library at the tap of the screen, whose numbers are increasing with every passing day, opined Deputy Director of Public Libraries B. Manjunath.

Researchers must be more creative to bring societal change: Prof. Siddegowda

Mysuru, July 2- JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ooty Road, Mysuru, in association with Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), had organised a one-day National-level Seminar on Research Methodology recently.

The Higher Education Institutions of India have been directed by UGC to organise activities under Jan Bhagidari G20 Presidency of India. One of the themes of G20 comprises Education and Research. In this respect, the College took the initiative to organise the event.

Col. Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda, Vice-Chairman of KSHEC and former Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University, who inaugurated the seminar, said that proper exposure is required in the knowledge century to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

"Knowledge creation, knowledge accumulation and knowledge assimilation is possible only when innovative and creative mind is applied. Every researcher must strive hard to bring quality change and this comes only with commitment," said

Prof. Siddegowda.

"More emphasis has to be given to those areas of research which are advantageous to the society at large," he said and called upon the young researchers to develop curiosity and involve in innovative works.

Prof. Siddegowda also recalled his association with JSS institutions for more than 35 years.

Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive of the College, highlighted the milestones of the College and said that a good research methodology is a key to sound research output. To operationalise the vision, there is need to train, reorient and reactivate the research scholars on research methodology.

Presiding over the function, Prof. D. Anand, Director, College Development Council, University of Mysore, explained that the topics chosen for the seminar are very appropriate to bring quality in academic research.

He said that "the research is nothing but searching for truth and facts and the knowledge is like riding a bicycle that needs continuous pedalling."

The seminar featured different Technical Talks by resource persons from various organisations Prof. M.P. Vijayendra Kumar, Principal, welcomed. Sannidhi and team rendered invocation. Dr. N. Rajendraprasad, IQAC Coordinator and Organising Secretary, compeered and proposed a vote of thanks.

'Shun drugs and embrace books'

Mysuru, July 2 (TRR)- Students and youth must shun drugs and embrace books, advised Maharaja College Principal Prof. Dr. C.A. Sreedhara after inaugurating an awareness programme organised to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, organised by University of Mysore (UoM) Researchers Association, near the Clock Tower in Manasagangothri campus here recently.

"If we become slaves to drugs, our health will be destroyed completely. Youths should not get attracted to momentary pleasure and destroy their future. Instead of becoming slaves to drugs, become slaves of books. Shun drugs, embrace books and follow Dr. Ambedkar's advise by giving priority to pursuit of knowledge," said Dr. Sreedhara.

Sub-Inspector of Jayalakshmipuram Police Station Smitha, who also spoke, urged students not to get addicted to drugs as they will deteriorate both physical and mental health.

Continuing, she said that every drug is dangerous than the other and when consumed, they trigger criminal thoughts in the mind. Everyone should stay away from drugs. Sale and consumption is an offence and the guilty is liable to be punished under law, she added.

Students of Biotechnology Department, led by Yashaswini and team, created awareness about the evils of drugs usage by holding placards and by performing dance.

UoM Researchers Association former President Maridevaiah also spoke at the function.

President of Researchers Association Mahesh, Programme Coordinator Abhishek Palegar and Researcher in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, Manager Yashvanth, Kaviraj and others were present.

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Trailers Screening Show	:	3.30 pm
Dhoomam (K)	:	4.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 2)

- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Mahabharata' by Dr. Be.Na. Vijayendrachar, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Shree Janajagrana Trust, Mysuru:** Releasing of the book 'From Manjunath to Manjamma,' the book on the inspiring life story of transgender folk artiste and Padma Shri Mata B. Manjamma Jogathi, Artiste Manjamma Jogathi, senior journalist Shivakumar and author of the book Harsha Bhatt will participate, Madhava Krupa, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Raaga Vaibhava Charitable Trust:** Hindustani Classical Sitar Concert by **Surmani Anupama Bhagwat,** accompanied by Dr. Udayaraj Karpur on tabla, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, procession of the Seer from Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade to Srikrishnadhama, **4.30 pm;** Welcome programme, Yaduveer Wadiyar of Mysore royal family inaugurates the programme, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda chief guest, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE):** Jayciana 2023 (Annual Cultural Festival), performances by actor Dhanveer Gowda, Vikram Ravichandran, Abhilash of upcoming Kannada movie 'Mudhol' and Asees Kaur Concert, football grounds, SJCE campus, JSS Science & Technology University (JSS STU), **6 pm.**
- **Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Vocal concert by Vid S.R. Vinay, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruti on violin, Vid. Sai Shivu Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga and Vid. Tumkur Shashishankar on ghata, Sri Lakshminarasimha Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Macbeth Badya' (based on Shakespeare's *Macbeth*) by Kolkata-based theatre troupe Kasba Arghya (the mono act is directed by Manish Mitra); Sima Ghosh presents 'Pandavani' (a popular form of folk art of North India), Natana premises, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 72595-37777 or 94804-68327]
- **Mysore Music Association and St. Cecilia's School of Music:** Orchestra 181, ensemble, comprising the celebrated Mysore Chamber Orchestra, the enchanting Nilgiris String Ensemble and the captivating Coonoor Choir, Jaganmohan Palace Auditorium, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Chandragiriya Teeradalli,' written by Dr. Sa.Ra. Abubakar, directed by Amit J. Reddy, music by Ramachandra Hadapada, lights by Mahesh Kallatti, sound by P. Shivakumar, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, Hunsur Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja:** Ashadamasa Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva of Sri Shobhakrutu Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Gatha: 726 to 750' by Ramesh Shastry, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 3)

- **Sri Mayakara Gurukula, Mysuru:** Guru Purnima, launching of Sri Mayakara Panchanga App, felicitation to Divyachakshu App Head Abhinandan Narendra and Wish Lifecare Pvt. Ltd. SBU Head C. Raghu, honouring of MA Vidwat students, Rotary auditorium, JLB Road, **9.30 am to 2 pm.**
- **Kannada Department, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram and IQAC:** One-day Inter-Collegiate level Literary Workshop, Maharani's Art College Principal Prof. B.V. Vasanthakumar inaugurates, Maharaja Educational Institution Hon. Secretary Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi presides, College premises, **10.15 am.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Mahabharata' by Dr. Be.Na. Vijayendrachar, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **University of Mysore Alumni Association, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College and RankBook Learning and Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd.:** Workshop on Skill Development (Topic: Communicative English and Resume Writing), inauguration by Prof. S.N. Hegde, President, UMAA, Mysuru and former VC, University of Mysore (UoM); Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Vice-President, UMAA and former VC, UoM and Prof. S.N. Ramegowda, former VC, KSOU, guests of honour, Prof. Somanna, Principal, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College, Mysuru, presides, Maharani's College, **11.30 am.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-256, vocal duet by Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj and Vidu. Indu Nagaraj, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. Vinod Shyam Anoor on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja:** Ashadamasa Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva of Sri Shobhakrutu Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Gatha: 751 to 775' by Dr. M.S. Padma, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7 pm to 8 pm.**

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